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1. ONE WEEK INTO "SECOND STATE" OF THE REVOLUTION, APRA PARTY REMAINS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT POLITICAL DIRECTION AND DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES OF MORALES BERMUDEZ REGIME. PARTY HAS NOT YET ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENT ON NEW GOVERNMENT BUT MAY DECLARE LIMITED SUPPORT IN NEXT FEW DAYS. MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT WILL AWAIT SEPTEMBER 18 ADDRESS BY 80-YEAR-OLD DOYEN HAYA DE LA TORRE TO PARTY FAITHFUL ON OCCASION OF APRA ANNIVERSARY.

2. APRA LEADER RAMIRO PRIALE TOLD EMBOFF THAT PARTY HAS DECIDED TO TONE DOWN SEPTEMBER 11 AIRPORT RECEPTION FOR RECENTLY DEPORTED LEADER ARMANDO VILLANUEVA SO AS NOT TO PASS PREMATURE SIGNALS TO GOP REGARDING APRA POLITICAL ACTIVITY. PRIALE FACTION AND PRE-SUMABLY HAYA HIMSELF ARE ALSO MOTIVATED BY FACTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS. THEY ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF LIONIZING VILLANUEVA. AS PRIALE PUT IT "30 DAYS EXILE IS NO GREAT TRIAL".

3. IN EARLY CONVERSATIONS WITH NEW GOP LEADERSHIP (NO PERSONAL CONTACT YET WITH MORALES BERMUDEZ), APRA HAS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR GOALS AND IDEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF THE REVOLUTION, BUT THE PARTY IS SEEKING GUARANTEES THAT THESE PRINCIPLES -

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SPECIFICALLY THE COMMITMENT TO PRESS FREEDOMS AS WELL AS IDEOLO-

GICAL AND ECONOMIC PLURALISM - BE RESPECTED. ACCORDING TO PRIALE, GOP CONTROLLED PRESS CONTINUES TO DENY APRA ACCESS. THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE IS THE REFUSAL TO PUBLISH TEXT OF APRA UNION (CTP) STATEMENT OFFERING QUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR NEW REGIME. TWO NEWSPAPERS, HOWEVER, DID REPORT SUBSTANCE OF CTP POSITION, PRESUMABLY WITHOUT ANY STATIC FROM GOP. PRIALE IS NOT HOPEFUL THAT PRESS WILL CHANGE, BUT HE DOES FEEL INDEPENDENT AND EVEN CRITICAL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED TO FUNCTION. APRA WILL ATTEMPT TO ENTER THIS AREA WITH ITS OWN PERIODICAL IF PARTY IS ABLE TO SECURE FINANCING.

4. APRA HAS ALSO PASSED WORD TO MORALES BERMUDEZ THAT THE REVOLUTION CANNOT SUPPRESS THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IF IT IS TO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC PLURALISM. THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF SOCIAL PROPERTY NEED NOT INCLUDE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OTHER ECONOMIC FORMS. PRIALE FEELS THAT MORALES BERMUDEZ IS NOT A TRUE FAN OF SOCIAL PROPERTY IN SPITE OF HIS TERMING IT A PRIORITY IN HIS FIRST SPEECH TO THE NATION AND THAT, IF HE HAD TO CHOOSE, MORALES BERMUDEZ WOULD SELECT PRODUCTION OVER SOCIAL EXPERIMENTATION. PRIALE IS THEREFORE CONFIDENT THAT THE SUGAR COOPERATIVES (STILL APRA INFLUENCED), WHICH ARE NOW MOBILIZED TO OPPOSE ANY GOP EFFORT TO MERGE THEM INTO AN OVERALL SOCIAL PROPERTY SCHEME, WILL RETAIN THEIR COOPERATIVE CHARACTER.
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